

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing, and early and favorable consideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, claims 1-126 have been deleted without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New claims 127-143 have been added; these claims derive support from throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. no new matter has been added.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c), Applicants note that new claims 127-143 are identical to claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-19 of U.S. patent No. 6,414,133 to Dietz-Band et al.

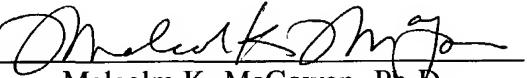
In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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